

Narberth Urban District Council

1972

ANNUAL
REPORT

OF THE

DISTRICT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

NARBERTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1972.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Turner and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the health of your district for the year 1972.

HOUSING.

There is a continuing shortage of housing accommodation in the town, especially for elderly persons, but proposals are in hand for the erection of 20 bungalows in the urban district; this is a welcome development for the old people on the waiting list. No other council building of dwellings was carried out during the year, although improvements to existing properties were planned. There were approximately 30 - 40 applicants on the waiting list for housing in the town.

In October 1972, the Housing Finance Act became law, instituting a system of rent rebates for tenants whose income fell below a certain level.

SEWERAGE.

Inadequacy of the present disposal works by overloading, has resulted in delay in development in the town of Narberth. Proposals have been put forward for improvements to be carried out to the Narberth West Sewerage Works.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

It is pleasing to report that only one case of infectious disease was notified from your district during the year; this was a case of non-respiratory tuberculosis. Once again, a certain number of cases of mild summer diarrhoea occurred in your area, in common with the remainder of the County. This infection is prevalent in all holiday districts and is due to a virus infection spread from person to person and not transmitted by water or food.

HEALTH CENTRE.

The new Health Centre in Northfield Road opened in June 1972. The cost of this building was approximately £50,000 and it is estimated that it will serve a population of some 7,000. At present, five family doctors are working from the Centre, with facilities for dental treatment, infant welfare clinics, speech therapy, orthopaedic, child development, audiology, relaxation and mothercraft and chiropody clinics.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

Arrangements were made with the Rural District Council for the collection of refuse from the town and its disposal at Kingsmoor Common Tip and this system is working satisfactorily. Previously, the Urban District Council engaged private contractors for the collection of the refuse.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council and its Officers for their courtesy and co-operation during the year.

Yours obediently,

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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S .

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1972 ... 1,040

	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D.1972</u>	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D.1971</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England &</u> <u>Wales</u>
Live Births	14	16		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	13.5	15.8	15.1	14.8
Illegitimate Live Births	2	Nil		
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	14	Nil	9	9
Still Births	Nil	Nil		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	Nil	Nil	12	12
Total Live & Still Births	14	16		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year)	Nil	Nil		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	Nil	Nil	20	17
- legitimate	Nil	Nil	21	17
- illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	21
Neo-natal Mortality Rate(Deaths under 4wks) (per 1,000 Live Births)	Nil	Nil	11	12
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate(deaths under 1wk)(per 1,000 Live Births)	Nil	Nil	9	10
Peri-natal Mortality Rate(Deaths under 1wk & Still births combined) (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	Nil	Nil	21	22
Maternal Deaths	Nil	Nil		
Deaths (General)	20	29		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	19.2	28.7	12.9	12.1

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DEATHS (General).

Of the total deaths in your district during 1972, 9 were due to heart disease and 3 were due to malignant disease; there were no deaths due to cancer of the lung. The remaining 8 deaths are included in the details following:-

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	9	11
Malignant neoplasm, stomach		1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus		1
Other malignant neoplasms		1
Other diseases of nervous system		1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease		1
Ischaemic heart disease	5	1
Other forms of heart disease	1	1
Cerebrovascular disease		3
Pneumonia	2	1
All other accidents	1	-

Approximately 50% of the deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years and approximately 50% in persons aged over 80 years.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Only one notification was received from your district and this was a female patient aged 35 years who was suffering from non-respiratory tuberculosis.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Only one case of tuberculosis was notified to me during the year as mentioned in the previous paragraph. No deaths from the disease occurred during 1972.

Prevention of Tuberculosis: The annual visit to the County Secondary School was made during the autumn term, when 26 13-year old pupils were skin tested and vaccinated. The Chest Physician continues to examine and vaccinate contacts at the Chest Clinics held regularly at Haverfordwest, Penbroke Dock and Tenby.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Local Health Services: Immunisation and vaccination of children under 16 years of age continued during the year at the monthly infant welfare clinic and at school sessions. School entrants were given 'booster' doses during the spring term and 13 year old girls were offered vaccination against Rubella (German Measles) in the summer term.

There are three full-time district nurses and one health visitor attached to the group of doctors working from the new Health Centre.

The following details refer to the children in the whole of Pembrokeshire who received immunisation or vaccination during 1972:-

Triple immunisations:	1,457
Booster Diphtheria & Tetanus doses:	1,213
Whooping cough immunisations:	1,457
Tetanus immunisations:	1,455
Polio. vaccinations:	1,515
Booster Polio. doses:	1,174
B.C.G. vaccinations:	1,081
Measles vaccinations:	640
Rubella vaccinations:	480

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951.

Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

I am pleased to report that no action was necessary under the above Section in your district during 1972.
